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CONCISE INTRODUCTION

T O

ENGLISH GRAMMAR:

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THE English Alphabet confists of twenty-fix Letters, viz. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, b, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z.

Six of these Letters, viz. a, e, i, o, u, y, are called Vowels, because they make distinct Sounds of themselves; all the rest are Consonants, because they cannot be sounded without some Vowel joined to them.

Each of the Vowels has at least shree distinct Sounds; the bread or full, the sarrow or fleneler, and the middle or intermediate; as will appear from the following

EXAMPLES.

Vowels	Bread.	Mid.	Narrow.
'a	Ball	a n	Ale
, e	them	her	me
i	bind	Bird	Ball .
0	Tom	Tone	Tomb
u	#8	<i>U</i> fe	Rale
y	by	Phylick	Bully:
	A 2	-	When

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When two Vowels meet in a Syllable they make what is called a *Dipitong*; and when three Vowels meet together, it is called a *Tripitong*.

Or CONSONANTS.

B.

B has one unvaried found in all Languages. It is mute in Debt, Doubt, Dumb, climb, Limb, Tomb.

C.

C has two Modifications, the bard and the Jost, as cull, cell.

Before a, o, u, and all Confonants, C is always founded bard like k; as can, cope, cut: But before e, i, and y, it is fost like s, as cease, Circle, Cypress.

Ch.

Ch is fometimes hard like k in Words derived from the Greek, as Chymist, Scheme; but in Words that derive from the French, as Machine, Chaise, it is sounded soft like sh.

G.

G has two Sounds, one bard as in Gun, gos, gay; the other feft as in Giant, Gem.

G is

G is hard before a, o, u, and all Confonants, and at the End of Words; but before e and i the Sound is uncertain.

G is mute before n, as Gnat, gnash, Sign, Foreign.

Gh.

Gh, in the Beginning of a Word, has the Sound of the hard g, as Ghoft; in the Middle, and sometimes at the End, it is quite silent, as though, right, sought.

It has often, at the End, the Sound of f, as laugh, cough, tough, Trough.

K.

K has the Sound of hard c, as King, kept, Skirt, Skeptick.*

L.

L is fometimes mute, as in Calf, balf, could, would, Pfalm, Salmon, Talk, Falcon.

Ph.

Ph is founded like f in Phentom, Philip, Elephant, &c.

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S has

^{*} Commonly, but erroneously, spelt Sceptic. Dr. Johnson.

S.

S has a sharp Sound, as in Sister, Sight; and a shat Sound like z in Trees, Eyes.

Ti.

Ti, before a Vowel, is frequently sounded like sh, as Motion, Station.

O's

Of the STOPS, and other CHARAC-TERS used in WRITING.

- he held whilst you count one.
- A Semicolon may be held whilst you count
 - A Colon may be held whilst you count three.
 - A Period, or full Stop, may be held whilst you count four.
 - A Note of Interrogation is placed at the End of a Question.
 - ! A Note of Admiration is used after a Word or Sentence that expresses Surprise or Emotion.
 - A Quotation includes a Sentence, &c. taor ken from an Author, or introduced as "—" fpoken by another.
 - () A Parenthefis is used to include one Sentence in another.

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- A Caret denotes Interlineation, and shews where to bring in what was at first omitted.
- A Hyphen is used to join the Parts of a Word together, especially such as are written partly in one Line, and partly in another.
- An Apostrophe is a Sign of Contraction; as lov'd for loved, &c.
- A Paragraph is fometimes used to distinguish the Beginning of a new Subject.
 - A Diærefis is used to divide two Vowels which would otherwise be sounded together.
 - An Afterisk An Obelisk Is used as a Reference to fome Observations in the Margin.
- An Index points to some remarkable Pafsage,

The Use of CAPITAL LETTERS.

THE following Words should always be distinguished, in Writing, by a capital Letter, viz.

The first Word of any Writing, Letter, or Discourse:—The next Word after a Period:—The Pronoun I, and the Intersection O:—The first Word of every Sentence taken from an Author, or introduced as spoken by another:—Every Title, and proper Name of a Place or Person:—And the first Word of every Line in Poetry.

Many of our best Authors choose to begin every Noun, or Substantive, with a Capital:— Some the next Word after a Colon:—And others remarkable Adjectives, and such as are put absolutely.

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GRAMMAR.

GRAMMAR is the &cience of using Words correctly.

The English Grammar confists of ten Kinds of Words, or Parts of Speech, namely,

Article, Noun, Pronoun, Adjective, Verb, PARTICIPLE,
ADVERE,
Conjunction,
PREPOSITION, 222d
Interjection.

OF AN ARTICLE.

An Article is set before a Noun to determine . its Signification.

There are three Articles, viz. a, an, and the.

OF

OF A NOUN.

A Noun, or Subfiantive, is the Name of any Subfiance, or Thing, that is perceptible by either of our Senses; as Man, Tree, Book; also Colours, Sound, Tafte, Fragrance, &c.

A Noun admits of Number, Cafe, and Gender.

There are two Numbers, the Singular and Phural. The fingular Number denotes one Thing only, as a Man, a Book: The Plural fignifies more than one, as Men, Books.

The different Terminations of Nouns are called Cases, of which there are only two: The Nominative and the Genitive.

The nominative Case is the Noun in its primitive or simple State; as a Man, a Tree.

The genitive Case denotes Possession or Property, hence it is called the possession Case: It is formed by the Addition of s, with an Apostrophe before it, to the Nominative, or by the Particle of before the Word; as God's Glory, or the Glory of God.

Gender is the Distinction of Sex: There are three Genders, the Masculine, or Male Kind, as Man, Boy; the Feminine, or Female Kind, as Woman, Girl; and the Neuter, which fignifies neither neither Male nor Female, and is applied to Things without Life, as Tree, House, Book. The masculine Gender is expressed by the Word be; the Feminine by the Word she; and the Neuter by the Word ste*

OF A PRONOUN.

A Pronoun is substituted instead of a Noun, to avoid the too frequent Repetition of the same Word. Thus, instead of my own Name, I say I; instead of your Name, I say you; and instead of another Man or Woman's Name, I say be or she.

In a Pronoun there are four Things to be confidered, viz. the Person, Number, Case, and Gender. There are two Numbers, the Singular and the Plural.

All Discourse may be confined to these three Heads; first, in speaking of ourselves; secondly, in speaking to another; and thirdly, in speaking of another.

Hence

^{*} By a Custom in the English Language, the Sun is of the Masculine,—the Moon, Church, Ships, and frequently Countries and Virtues, such as France, Spain, Faith, Hope, &c. are of the feminine Gender.

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Hence there are three Persons in the fingular Number, and three in the Plural, as follows:

Singular J	Plural
1st Person, I	Plural 1st Person, we
2d - thou or you	2d - you or ye
3d be, fbe, it.	3d they.

Pronouns have three Cases, the Nominative, the Genitive or Possessive, and the Objective or Oblique Case: thus,

FIRST PERSON

Singular		P	lural we
Nom. Poff.	I mine	Nom. Poff.	ours
Obj.	me.	ll Obj.	\$5.

SECOND PERSON

Sing	ular 🕟	ii Plu	ral
Nom.	thou	Nom. Poff. Obj.	ye OT you
Poff.	thine		yours
Obj.	thee		yon.

THIRD PERSON

Sing	ular]	Plural	
Masculine, Feminine, Neuter,	She,	bis, ber, its,	bers	}	they,	theirs,	them.

There are fix Species of Pronouns: viz. Perfonal, as I, thou, &c. Possessive, as my, mine, &c. 8cc.—Relative, as who, which, &cc. — Demonfirative, as this and that (whose Plurals are these and those) — Definitive, as any, none, some, &cc.—and Demonstrative, as every, either, each, &cc.

The personal Prenouns have the Nature of Substantives, and as such stand by themselves; the Rest have the Nature of Adjectives, and as such are joined to the Substantives, and sometimes called prenominal Adjectives.

OF AN ADJECTIVE.

An Adjective is a Word added to a Substantive to express its Quality; as a good Boy, a bad Girl; a great Man, a fine Church.

Adjectives are varied only by the Degrees of Comparison.

Most Adjectives have three Degrees of Comparison; which are called the *Positive*, the Comparative, and the Superlative.

The Comparative is formed, for the most Part, by adding er to the Positive, as long, longer, short, shorter, &c.

The Superlative by adding eft; as long, longeft, &c.

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For the Degrees of Comparison are frequently fubstituted the ADVERBS, very, infinitely, more, most, less, least, As more short, very most, or infinitely short; less common, least common, &c. the er and est being then omitted.—There are a few Adjectives peculiar in their Comparison; as good, better, best; bad, worse, worst; &c.

OF A VERB.

A Verb expresseth being or acting, as I am, he is; I love, she fings; the Man calls, the Child cries; &c.

There are two Sorts of Verbs; active and neuter.* An active Verb fignifies doing; as I wrote the Letter. A neuter Verb fignifies merely Being, as I am, he is.

The Noun or Prinoun that stands before the active Verbs, in the above Examples, may be called the Agent, and that which stands before the

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^{*} Properly speaking there is no passive Verb in the English Language; for though I am loved is commonly called a passive Verb, yet loved is no Part of the Verb, but a Participle, or Adjective derived of the Verb love.

the Neuter the Subject of the Verb: But the Noun or Pronoun which follows the active Verb, in the above Examples, may be called the Object of the Verb.

In a Verb are to be confidered the Mode, the Tense or Time, the Person, and the Number.

There are four Modes or Ways of using Verbs: The Indicative, the Imperative, the Potential, and the Infinitive.

The Indicative expresses the Action, or Being, directly and absolutely; as I am, he loves.

The Imperative commands, or forbids; as some, go, love me, fear me.

The Potential expresses the Action or Being as possible or impossible, fit or unfit; as I may love, I may not love.

The Infinitive expresses the Action of Being indeterminately; as to be, to love.

There are five Tenses or Times; the Present, the Impersed, the Persed, the Plupersed, and the Future.

The Present expresses the Time that now is; as I love, or am loving.

The Impersect denotes the Time past indeterminately; as I loved, or was loving.

The Perfect denotes the Time past determinately; as I bave loved, or bave been loving.

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The Pluperfed denotes the Time past as prior to some other Point of Time specified in the Sentence; as I bad loved, or bad been loving.

The Future denotes the Time to come; as I will, or shall, be loving.

These Modes and Tenses are partly formed by the Verb itself, and partly by the Assistance of auxiliary, or belping Verbs, called Signs. There are two Modes formed from the Verb itself; the Indicative, as I love; and the Imperative, as love thou: — And likewise two Tenses; the Present, as I love; and the Past, as I loved.

The auxiliary Signs are, to, do, did, bave, bad, shall, will, may, can, must, might, would, could, should. To, is a Sign of the infinitive Mode; as to be; to love.

May, can, must, might, would, could, should, and their Inflexions mays, canst, mightest, wouldof, couldest, shouldest, are Signs of the potential Mode.

Do, and its Inflexions deft, deth or dees, are Signs of the present Tense.

Did, and its Inflexion didfi, are Signs of the imperfect Tense.

Hove, and its Inflexions baft, bath or bas, are Signs of the perfect Tenfe.

Had-

Had, and its Inflexion badft, are Signs of the pluperfect Tense.

Shall and will, and their Inflections shalt and will, are Signs of the future Tenfe.

In Verbs there is a Reference to three Persons in each Number: as

Singular, I love, thou lovest, he loveth; Plural, We love, ye love, they love.

The second Person of the Verb, in the singular Number, is formed out of the sirst by adding est, or st; the third by adding eth, th, es, or only s.

The first Person speaks of himself; as "I" am going to dinner."

The feeond Person has the Speech directed to bim, and is supposed to be present; as "Thou "art a wicked Fellow."

The third Person is spoken of, or described; as "He is a good Man."

The Verb, itself, has but two Terminations respecting Time; as love, and loved; which last may be called the Inflexion of the preter or past Tense: And when this Inspection of the preter Tense is formed by adding d, or id, to the first Person present Tense, the Verb is regular, and is declined after the following Examples.

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INDICATIVE MODE.

PRESENT TENSE.

Singular.

1ft. I love or do love

3d. He loveth or loves, or 3d. They love or do love.

doth or does love.

Plural.

Ift. We love or do love

2d. Thou lovest or dost love 2d. Ye or you love or do love

IMPERFECT TENSE.

Singular.

1 ft. I loved or did love

Plural.

1 ft. We loved or did love 2d. Thoulowedst or didst love | 2d. Ye loved or did love

3d. He loved or did love. | 3d. They loved or did love.

PERFECT TENSE.

Singular.

Ift. I have loved

2d. They baft loved

3d. He bat loved.

Ift. We battloved

2d. Ye had loved

3d. They had loved.

PLUPER FECT TENSE.

Singular.

IR. I had loved

2d. Thou hadft loved

ad. He had loved.

Plura!.

We had loved

ıft. Ye bad loved

They bad loved.

FUTURE TENSE.

Singular.

Ift. I ball or will love

3d. He shall or will love. | 3d. They shall or will love.

Plural.

Ift. We shall or will love

2d. Thou shalt or wilt love | 2d. Ye shall or will love

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Some Verbs in this Mode will admit of a fecond Future, especially such as signify the Completing of any Thing; as "I fhall have sinished it "to-morrow."

IMPERATIVE MODE.

Singular. Love, do thou love, or love thou. Plural. Love, do ye love, or love ye.

POTENTIAL MODE.

PRESENT TENSE.

I must, may, can, would, could, or should love, &c.

PERFECT TENSE.

I must, might, would, could, or should have loved, &c.

The pluperfest Tense, in this Mode, is best expressed by the perfest: as, I might have loved her before the Time you mention.

The future Tense of most Verbs in this Mode is best expressed by the present: as, I may love to-morrow.

There is a fubjunctive, or conditional Form, which drops the personal Terminations in certain Tenses of this Mode; as, though thou love, though he love.

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INFINITIVE MODE.

Present Tense.

Ta love.

Perfect Tense.

To bave loved.

Future Tense.

About to love.

THE DECLENSION OF THE NEUTER VERB.

INDICATIVE MODE.

PRESENT TENSE.

Singular.

Ift. I am

2d. Thou art 3d. He is.

IMPERFECT TENSE.

Singular.

1 R. I was 2d. Thou wast

3d. He was.

PERFECT TENSE.

Singular. Ift. I have been

2d. Thou haft been

3d. He hath or has been. 3d. They have been.

1st. We have been 2d. Ye have been

PLUPER-

PLUPERFECT TENSE.

Singular.

1st. I had been

ad. Thou hadft been ad. He had been.

Plural.

ift. We had been 2d. Ye had been 2d. They had been.

FUTURE TENSE.

Singular.

If. I shall or will be

2d. Thou shalt or wilt be 2d. Ye ad. He shall or will be. 3d. The

Plural.

1st. We shall or will 3d. They be.

SECOND FUTURE.

I shall ar will have been, &cc.

IMPERATIVE MODE.

Singular. Be, do thou be, or be thou. Plural. Be, or do ye be, or be ye.

POTENTIAL MODE.

PRESENT TENSE.

Singular.

aft. I must, may, can, would, could, or should be

2d. Thou must, mayest, canst, wouldest, couldest, or shouldest be

3d. He must, may, can, would, could, or should be.
Plural.

We must, may, can, would, could, or should be

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Perfect and Pluperfect Tenses. Singular.

Ift. I must, might, would, could, or should have been

2d. Thou must, mightest, wouldest, couldest, or shouldest have been

3d. He must, might, would, could, or should have been.

Plural.

We must, might, would, could, or should have been Ye, &c.

The future Tense, in this Mode, is best expressed by the present: as, I may be to-morrow.

The fubjunctive form of this Verb is thus diftinguished:—

PRESENT TENSE.

Singular. 1ft. Though I be 2d. Though thou be 2d. Though he be. Plural.

1st. Though we be

2d. Though ye be

3d. Though they be.

IMPERFECT TENSE.

Singular.

Ift. Though I were

2d. Though they give

2d. Though thou wert

3d. Though he were.

Plural.

1 st. Though we were

2d. Though ye were

3d. Though they were.

INFINITIVE MODE.

Present. To be.
Persect. To bave been.

- Future. About to be.

When

When the Termination of the preter Tense is not formed by adding d, or ed, to the first Person of the present Tense singular, the Verb may be called irregular; but that Irregularity being discovered and observed in the preter Tenses, the Verb is declined, in all other Respects, as the regular Verb

The most common Irregularity is when the d or ed, for better Sound's Sake, is changed into t; and this is for the most Part the Case when the Verb ends in f, p, x: as putt, wrapt, and mixt; for passed, wrapped, and mixed, &cc.

OF A PARTICIPLE.

A Participle is derived of a Verb, and partakes of the Nature both of the Verb and Adjective.

There are two Participles pertaining to the Verbs; the active which always ends in ing; and the passive which generally ends in ed: as from the Verb call, are derived the Participles calling and called.

Note I. In the Formation of Participles, if the Verb ends in e, the e's omitted; as love, loving, loved. If it ends in a fingle Consonant, preceded by a fingle Vowel bearing the Accent, that that Comfonant is doubled; as commit, committing, committed.

II. The passive Participle is, for the most Part, the same with the preser, or past Tense of the Verb; but in both these there are many Inregularities; the Chief of which may be gathered from the following Catalogue of transsitive and intransitive Verbs.

Prefent.	Preter.	Particip. Form.
Bake,	baked,	baked, baken
Begin,	began,	begun
Bear,	bore, bare,	borne
Bear,	bare,	born
Beat,	beat.	beaten, begt
Behold,	beheld.	beheld, beholden
Bend,	bent,	bent
Bereave,	hereft.	beroaved, bereft
Besech,	befought,	befought
Bid,	bade, bad,	bidden
Bind,	bound,	bound, bounden
Bite,	bit,	bitten,
Bleed,	bled.	blooded, bled
Blow,	blew,	blown
Break.	broke, brake,	broken
Breed,	bred.	bred
Bring,	brought	brought
Built.	built	builded, built
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Profest.	Preter.	Particip. Form.
Burft,	burit,	bursten, burst
Buy,	bought,	bought [caugh*
Catch,	canght,	catched, catcht,
Chide,	chid,	chid, chidden
Choose,	chose	chofen
Cleave,	clove, clave,	cloven, cleft
Clothe,	clothed, clad,	clothed, clad
Dig,	digged, dug,	digged, dug
Do,	did,	done
Draw,	drew	drawn
Drink,	drank,	drunk, drunken
Drive,	drove, drave,	drove, driven
Eat,	ate,	oaten
Feed,	fed,	fed
Feel,	felt,	felt:
Find,	found,	found
Fling,	flang, flung,	flung
Forfake,	forfook,	forsaken .
Freight,	freighted,	fraught, freighted
Freeze,	froze,	frazen
Get,	got, gat,	gotten, got
Geld,	gelded, gelt,	gelded, gelt
Gild,	gilded, gilt,	gilded, gilt
Gird,	girded, girt,	girded, girt
Give,	gave,	given /
Grave,	graved,	graven .
Grind,	ground,	ground
Hang,	hanged, hung,	hanged, hung
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Present.	Preter.	Particip. Form.
Have,	had,	had
Heave,	heaved, hove,	hoven, heaved
. Help,	helped,	helped, holpen
Hew,	hewed,	hewn
Hide,	hid,	hidden, hid
Hold,	held,	holden, held
Keep,	kept,	kept
Knit,	knitted, knit,	knitted, knit
Know,	knew,	known
Lade,	laded,	laden, laded
Lay,	laid,	laid
Lead,	led,	led ,
Leap,	leaped, leapt,	leaped, leapt
Leave,	left,	left
Lend,	lent,	lent
Load,	loaded,	loaded, loaden
Lofe,	lost,	lost
Make,	made,	made ,
Meet,	met,	met
Melt,	melted,	melted, molten
Mow,	mowed,	mowed, mown
Pay,	paid,	paid
Rend,	rent,	rent
Ride,	rid, rode,	rid, rode, ridden
Ring,	rang,	rung
Rive,	rived	riven
Rot,	rotted,	rotten, rotted
Run,	ran,	run

Present.	Preter.	Particip. Form.
Say,	faid,	faid
Saw,	fawed,	fawn '
See,	faw,	fe e n
Seek,	fought,	fought
Seeth,	fod,	fodden
Sell,	fold,	fold
Send,	fent,	Tent .
Shake,	fhook,	shaken, shook
Shave,	shaved,	shaved, shaven
Shear,	shore,	fhorn
Shew,	shewed,	fhewn
Shoe,	fhod,	fhod .
Shoot,	fhot,	fhot
Shrive,	fhrove,	fhrive n
Sing,	fang,	fung
Sink,	fank,	funk
Sit,	fate, fat,	fat, fitten
Slay,	flew,	flain
Sling,	flang, flung,	flun g
Slit,	Ait,	slitten, slit
Smite,	fmote,	' fmitten
Sow,	fowed,	fowh
Speak,	fpoke, fpake	fpok en
Speed,	fped,	fped
Spell,	fpelt,	fpelt
Spend,	fpent,	fpent
Spill,	fpilled, fpilt,	fpilled, spilt
Spin,	fpun, fpan,	fpun
		Spring.

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Present.	Preter.	Particip. Forth.
Spring,	fprang,	forung
Sting,	flung, stang,	flung
Steal,	stole,	Rolen
Stick,	Stuck,	fluck
Stride,	strode,	stridden .
Strike,	ftruck,	Aruck, stricken
String,	strung,	Arung
Sweep,	fwept,	fwept
Swear,	fwore,	fworn
Sweat,	fweated,	fweated .
Swell,	fwelled,	fwoln
Swing,	fwung, fwang,	fwung
Take,	took,	taken
Teach,	taught,	taught
Tear,	tore,	torn ·
Tell,	told,	told
Throw,	threw,	thrown
Think,	thought,	thought
Tread,	trod,	trodden, trod
Wear,	Wòre,	worn
Weave,	wove,	Woven
Win,	won,	won
Wind,	wound,	wound
Work,	worked, wrought,	worked, wrought
Wring,	wrung,	wrung
Write,	wrote,	written.

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The following are intransitive Verbs, and have, when properly confidered, no passive Participle.

Present.	Preter.	Particip. Form-
Abide,	abode,	-
Arise,	arole,	arifen
Awake,	awaked, awoke,	awaked
Clave,	cleared, clave,	cleared
Cling,	clang, clung,	clung
Come,	came,	come
Creep,	creeped, crept,	crept
Crow,	crew,	crowed
Deal,	dealt,	dealt
Dare,	durst,	
Die,	died,	dead
Dream,	dreamed, dreamt	, dreamd, dreams
Dwell,	dwelt,	dwelt
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Fly,	flew,	flown
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Grow,	grew,	grown
Hang,	hung,	hung
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Stick,	stuck,	fluck			
Stink,	stank, stunk,	ftunk			
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Swing,	fwang,	fwung '			
Swell,	fwelled,	fwoln .			
Thrive,	throve,	thriven			
Wax,	waxed,	waxed, waxen			
Weep,	wept,	wept.			

Note, Many of the above intransative Verbs, when compounded, will become Fransatives; as befal, outsbine, overbang.

There are a few Verbs ending in t and d, being the same in the present preter Tenses, and passive Participle; as cast, cost, cut, bit, burt, let, put, read, rid, set, shed, shred, shut, split, spread, thrust.

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Here it may be thought necessary to remark, that those irregular Verbs which admit of various Participles, may, for that Reason, be variously expressed in the preter Tenses; as, I bad rid, I bad rode, I bad ridden; they bad strove or had striven, &c.

OF AN ADVERB.

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An Adverb derives its Name from its being added to a Verb, an Adjective, and sometimes to another Adverb, to express the Circumstance or Quality of it; as, He reads well; he writes badly; he acts very cautiously, &c.

Most Adverbs, as well as Adjectives, admit of Comparison; as, well, better, best; soon, sooner, soonest; and the greater Part of them are compared by the other Adverbs more, most; less, least, &c.

Note, Adverbs have Relation to Time, as, now, then, lately, &c.;—to Place, as, here, there, where, &c.;—to Number, as, once, twice, manifold, &c.;—to Quantity, as, more, most, &c.

OF A CONJUNCTION.

The Conjunction conjoins, or elegantly unites, two Sentences in one; as, "Do you prefer the Town or Country?" instead of "Do you prefer the Town, or, do you prefer the Country?

Conjunctions copulative connect Sentences by expressing an Addition, as, and, &c.; — Confunctions disjunctive, by expressing a Difference of Massing in distinct Degrees, as, or, units, whough, &c. Most of them are comprehended in the following beateness, viz.

Albeit, although, and, because, but, either, else, how, becomer, if, lest, namely, neither, nor, or, shough, theretore, thereupon, unlest, whereas, substitute, substitute, whereas, substitute, whereas, substitute, whereas, substitute, whereas, substitute, substitu

The fix following are fometimes Conjunctions, and fometimes Adverbs, and can only be distinguished by the Sense in which Authors use them; via. e.f., as, otherwise, since, likewise, them.

Except and fave are more properly the imperative Modes of their Verbs: For is fometimes a Preposition; and that, when it may be changed to who or which, a Pronoun.

Q A PREPOSITION.

The Preposition receives its Name from being put before the Noun to which it is applied.

Its Use is to connect Words together, and to determine their Relation to each other; as, he came to and stood before the City.

Prepositions used in the above Sense are such as follow: About, above, after, against, among, at, before, behind, below, beneath, between, beyond, by, for, from, in, into, of, off, on, upon, over, through, to, into, towards, under, with, without.

OF AN INTERJECTION.

Interjections derive their Names from being thrown in between the Parts of a Sentence, without causing any other Alteration in it. They are a Kind of natural Sounds expressing some fudden Emotion in the Mind of the Speaker, &c. as affected with the Sensations of Pain, Pleasure, Grief, Joy, &c. as, Ob! Ab! Alas! Lo! &c.

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THE Word Syntax is so termed from its Use in the proper Arrangement of Words and Phrases to compose a Sentence.

Words are articulate Sounds used in Custom to express our Ideas.

Phrases are two or more Words rightly arranged to compose the Part, and sometimes the Whole, of a Sentence.

The Articles a and an are used only before. Nouns of the fingular Number: An before a Word that begins with a Vowel; a before a Word that begins with a Consonant; an, or a, before a Word that begins with b, except the b is filent, then an is only used.

A and an are used in a wague Sense to point out one single Thing of the Kind, in other Respects indeterminate.

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Nouns or Pronouns govern the Number and Person of their Verbs; as, The Child cries; Thou livest.

Exceptions. If, It is cuftomary, when we fpeak in the complaifant Stile, if to one Person only, to use you instead of thou, and to join a Verb plural with it; as, You are my Friend.

ad. A Noun of Multitude, of the fingular Number, may have a Verb either fingular or plural; as, "The People is mad," or, "The People are mad." The latter Expression seems to be, the more elegant.

When two or more Nouns, &c. are connected together in the same Sentence, the Verb, Noun or Pronoun, is plural, although both or all of the nominative Cases are singular; as, The King and Queen are shole who passed us; You and I were the Persons enquired for; &c.

A Name or Present is not always profixed to a Verb, as its nominative Case or Subject, but sometimes a Sentence, or an infinitive Mode: as, My arriving so feasonably was attended with Success; To know one's Self is the greatest Wisdom. In this Case the Verb is singular, and in the third Person.

The Agent, or Subject, is most commonly set before the Verb, and answers to the Question who who or what, with the Verb, as in the Example, " Alexander conquered During."

The Object follows the Verb, and receives its full force, answering to the Question whom or what, as ist. Who conquered? the Answer is the Subject, Alexander. 2d. Whom did he conquer? the Reply is the Object, Darius. If Darius had conquered, the Order would have been inverted.

The Relatives what, which, whom, &c. are always placed before those Verbs to which they are the Objects; as, the Books which I bought, &c.

The Subject of the Verb is fet after it, most commonly in the following Cases: When the Verb is of the imperative Mode; as, Love thou. When a Question is asked, it is placed after the Verb; or between the Sign and the Verb; as, Are you happy? Is yout Breiber well? Likewise when the Word there comes before the Verb; as, There arrived a Messager, &c.

The accusative Case of a Pronoun is always used when it becomes the Object of a Verb, of of the active Participle; so, I love them; the it beating me; and, if Nouns possessed this Case, they would be applied in it the same as that Pronouns are.

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The paffine Participle, and not the Preteriese should always be used when joined in a Sentence with the auxiliar Verb; as, the Loaf was torn, not the Leaf was tore.

The Signs do, did, and their Inflexions, are applied inelegantly, unless to fix a Street or Energy on the Verb or Sentence they are united to; as, I do affirm it; Thou didst condemnation: But when used interrogatively, the above, Signs are bighly necessary; as, Do you hear me? instead of hear you me?

Shall is used in the first Person, and will in the second and third, harely to describe some furture Deed; as, I shall be there; you will be there, &c.: But, in the other Persons, they promise, command, or threaten; as, I will be there; you, he, &c. shall be there.

Pronouns must always agree in Gender, Number, and Person, with the Nouns for which they are substituted; as, The Ship has lost ber Angchors; The Sea swells, it rooms, and who shall withstand its Violence?

The Pronoun which refers to two or more Nouns, of different Persons, occurring the the same Sentence, must be made to agree with the first Person rather than the second, and the second rather than the third; as, My Brother and

Productive, the Pronoun must be used in the plural Number in these and the like Cases.

When Property or Possession is expressed by the Pronoun, we use the Genitive; as, My Father; To say "the Father of mi," would be very inelegant.

The genitive Cases of the Pronouns, i.e., my, thy, &c. are used when joined to Nouns: But mine, thine, theirs, yours, others, &c. when put absolutely, or without their Nouns; as, It is my Property, Book, &c.; or, without the Noun, It is mine.

Pronominal Adjectives are only used in the genitive Case when put absolutely; as, I would not do it for ten's Sake.

In the English Language the Adjective precedes the Substantive; as, A good Child; the best Horse: But in Poetry, for the better Sound's Sake, the Substantive precedes frequently; as,

" So thick a Drop serene," &c.

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When the Word Thing, Things, Men, &c. are the Subflantives, they may be elegantly omitted; and their Adjectives fet abfelutely; as, "Who will shew us any good?" i.e. good Thing? the Rich, the Poor, the Good, &c.

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Adjectives ending in ing, ive, al, ful, eus, its, fome, ble, ant, and a few others, cannot be compared by the Syllables er and eff; but, for better Sound's Sake, are thus varied, baseful, more and most baseful, &cc. &cc.

Note, Adjectives of more than one Syllable generally come under this Rule.

When two Nouns occur in the same Sentence, and we wish to repear them, that and those tespect the former, and this and these the latter; as,

Some place the Bliss in Action, some in Ease, of Those call it Pleasure, and Contentment these. Port.

Who and whom represent Persons only; but whose, what, and that, are applied to Persons and Things indiscriminately; as, I am bound to respect a Man who has obliged me, though he be chargeable with Vices which I hate.

The Pronoun who is both relative and interrogative; what is used in an interrogative Sense
almost without Exception; What is that Man?
What News?—When the Adverb is joined with
the Adjective, it always immediately precedes
it; as, seuly pious, very costly.

When the Conjunctions and, nor, or, &c., some between two Pronouns, as likewise the Adverbs

Adverbs than and as, they connect like Cales; as, I commend him rather than her; Neither be nor you came, &c.

But this Rule will not include Nouns, fince they cannot be connected in the accusative Case, as in the Example; "Bring it either to my Brother or me;" for these are in different Cases, and yet the Sentence is grammatical.

When a manifest Uncertainty or Doubt is entertained, we use the Conjunctions if, though, &c. and the subjunctive Form of Verbs; as, Beware, lest thou do it; If he but speak the Word, see thou do it.

Prepositions always govern the accusative Case of a Pronoun immediately after them; as, To bim, with ber.

The Proposition in is set before Counties, Cities, Streets, Countries, and large Towns, especially if they are in the same Kingdom; as, He lives in London, in Italy, &c.: But when an Action is represented as done in Villages, single Houses, and foreign Cities, at only is used; It happened at Maidenbead; the Inquisition as Rome, &c.

When a Pronoun of the first Person is used with an Interjection, it must be in the accurative Case; as, Ah me! But when the ferond is

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is used, in the Nominative; as, O, thou most high!

For the proper Arrangement of all Words in a Sentence, no invariable Rule can be given: The Harmony and Perspicuity of the Expression are the chief Things to be attended to.



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ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

GRAMMAR, that useful, ornamental Art, Does Rules to speak, & read, and write, impart. Ten Parts of Speech in Grammar you will find; Three are declin'd, the Rest are undeclin'd.

Declined.

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Noun, Pronoun, Vérb; Undeclined.
ARTICLE,
ADJECTIVE,
PARTICIPLE,
ADVERB,
CONJUNCTION,
PREPOSITION,
INTERJECTION.

NOUN, or SUBSTANTIVE.

A Noun the Name of any Thing declares, As, Man, Book, Virtue, Honfes, Apples, Pearso Two Sorts of Subflantives Grammarians make, Which Names of proper, and of common take.

PROPER.

All proper Names one of a Kind express;
As, "It was Adam made us all transgress."
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COMMON.

Of every Kind these Nouns express the whole; A. Man, Beaft, Bird, Fish, Insect, Repille, Fowl.

NUMBERS.

Two distinct Numbers we in Nouns explore; The Singular means one; the plural more; As, Horse and Man to only one refer; But Men and Horses of the plural are.

CASES.

Cafes in other Languages abound,
But in the English only two are found;
The Nominative, which no Change can hear,
Declares the Noun in its first State; as, Care.
The next, or Genitive, is thus defin'd
"Care's gloomy Power destroys our Peace of Mind."

GENDER.

Genders of Nouns to three forme do confine, As he is male, and the is feminine: But Things inanimate we neuter call; As, Garden, Penknife, Silver, Book, or Ball.

PRONOUNS, or PERSONALS.

We, proper Names for Perforals refign;
As, you and I stand for your Name and more.
Three Perfors in each Number you may feel;
The first, as I and we, are those that speak:
The second is the Person spoken to;
And is express by them, and we, are year:

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The third, the Person spokes of will fit, As, be, she, this, these, that, those, they, and it.

VERBS, of AFFIRMATIONS.

The Affiguations to Idea bring
The Affician, or Existence of a Thing:
By these the various Passions will appear;
By daing affice, passive when we bear.
Intranssitions, or Neuters we define
When to mere Being we the Sense confine.
I love, I bind, are Affices all agree;
Bur these are Neuters, smile; exist; to be.

Modes.

To Verbs free Modes pertain, the Learn'd contend; The Indicative declares, as, "I commond." The Imperative, in proud, imperious Tone, Commanda; as, "Sirrah! ge you hence, become or, the proud Victor hears in humble Air, "Forgive thy Suppliant: Grant a Captive's Pray'r,"

Pow'r, or its Want, the Mode potential shews; As, "If Idat'd, I'd pull you by the Nose." Conditional, is the subjunction still; As, "If they'll let me go, I quickly will." The Infinition still by itself is found; To always goes before it; as, to sound. In short, in Affirmations we may find All Actions of the Body and the Mind.

Tenses,

Tenses, or Times.

Time is confin'd to three distinct Degrees,
The past, the present, and the surre these.
The present Time denotes the Infant, now;
As, "I am reading, or, "I read, I how."
The past Time still displays a something done;
As, "Yesterday I play'd at Taw, and won."
The surre Time bespeaks a Thing to come;
As, "I'll compel them; they shall pay the Sum."

ARTICLE.

Three Articles to use the Learn'd agree; The first is A, then An, the third is The.

ADJECTIVE,

All Adjestives do Qualities express,
And clothe their Substantives in proper Dress:
As, a good Man, black Horse, or naughty Boy;
An entertaining Book, or pretty Toy.
By three Degrees we Adjestives compare
The first is positive, as, "You are fair;"
The next, or the Comparative does shew,
That Betsey Smart is fairer still than you:
But the superlative, or third Degree,
Says, "I'm the fairest Creature that can be."
Again we may with more and most compare;
As, of the two Susannah is more fair:
By the Superlative it is decreed,
That Nancy's fairest, or most fair indeed:

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PARTICIPLE.

Whene'er a Verb's concluded, then appears
The Participle, which the Matter clears.
To fight's a Verb is which to Conclusion brought
The Participle says the Battle's faught.

ADVERB.

The Manner of a Verb an Adverb shews,
And docume Action good, or bad suppose.
Suppose wie of a boxing Match shouldtell;
An Adverb says, "he's drubbed extremely well."

CONJUNCTION.

Conjunctions Words or Sentences combine, Explain the Meaning, or the Sense refine: As, Tom and Harry went like Fools to fight, But tir'd of Custing, left off ere 'twas Night.

PREPOSITION.

A Preposition does a Noun precede,
As simple Deed, compounded is indeed:
Or, when restecting upon Nature's Plan,
Instinct with Brutes, and Reason goes with Man.

INTERJECTION.

An Interjection speaks some great Surprize,
Or sudden Passion of the Mind implies;
Some strong Emotion of the feeling Soul,
When all the Thoughts are brought beneath
Controul:

As, Oh! Alas! Alack! Ah! Well a Day!
Oh let me find a Purse! Oh that I may!

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